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1. (Amended) A method for corrective surgery in a human subject of a vocal cord defect being amenable to rectification by the augmentation of tissue subjacent to the vocal cord defect comprising the steps of:

- a) retrieving a plurality of viable cells from the subject;
- b) culturing the viable cells *in vitro*; and
- c) placing an effective volume of the *in vitro* cultured cells into a tissue of the subject, the tissue being located in a position subjacent to the vocal cord defect to be rectified.

✓ Please cancel claims 12-15.

Q3
16. (Amended) A method for corrective surgery in a human subject of a vocal cord defect being amenable to rectification by the augmentation of tissue subjacent to the vocal cord defect comprising the steps of:

- a) retrieving a plurality of viable cells from the subject;
- b) culturing the cells *in vitro* in a culture vessel for a time sufficient for the cells to produce extracellular matrix;
- c) separating the extracellular matrix produced by the cells from the culture vessel;
- d) collecting the extracellular matrix; and
- e) placing the collected extracellular matrix into a tissue subjacent to the vocal cord defect.

✓ In claim 17, line 3, before "defect" insert --vocal cord--.

✓ Please cancel claim 18.

✓ In claim 19, line 1, change "18" to --1--.